

HEAD OF SCHOOLS SUGGESTS CHANGES

Supt. E. L. Thurston, in Annual Report, Urges Reforms in Educational System.

FOR TEACHERS' PENSIONS

Termining this an age of evolution, it is not of revolution, in the educational world, Ernest L. Thurston, superintendent of public schools of the District of Columbia, in his annual report, presented to the board of education this afternoon, recommended many changes which he believes will be valuable to the educational system of Washington. The report is about 40,000 words in length, and embraces a number of statistical tables.

Here are a few of the salient points of the superintendent's message.

Washington's public schools are being used widely as community and social centers, but should be used even more extensively.

The need for vacation schools has been proved. This system should be extended as expeditiously as possible.

Substitution of supervised study in school in place of home study is desirable. Steps in this direction are to be taken as expeditiously as feasible.

Method Needs Improvement.

The present method of furnishing substitute teachers is weak and needs improvement. Plans for a new method are outlined.

Incorporation of elementary business courses in new Central and Eastern High schools offers Business High School opportunity for more technical work. Courses in advertising, salesmanship, window dressing and accounting are advocated.

A teachers' retirement provision is needed.

More extensive medical and dental supervision are needed. Work in this field has proved its value.

The school system should have a "digestive" system for testing and research work. A small research board probably will be organized in the near future.

The report, speaking of the community use of school buildings, shows that in the white schools buildings were used for forty-eight mothers' clubs, parent-teacher associations and similar organizations; nine were used for citizens' associations; and four for other civic and community bodies. In the colored schools thirty-five buildings were used for mothers' clubs, parent-teacher associations and similar organizations; seven for citizens' associations; and four for other civic and community bodies.

The total membership using the buildings was approximately 12,641, of whom 9,286 were white and 3,355 were colored.

Community Use Desirable.

"It is evident," says the report, "that the people of the community intend to use their schools in increasing measure—and that as it should be. With increasing use has come increasing expense. The various associations offering splendid opportunities to school officials to put before the parents and citizenship the needs, the aims and the desires of the educational system, and to secure in return the real reaction of the community. With knowledge and acquaintance, the power of the community is increased, and the school is made more effective."

Saying that while home study for some pupils has certain advantages, it places many pupils under marked disadvantages, Supt. Thurston states: "More and more I am of the opinion, considering our system as a whole, that the problem of studying and how to study is a school problem to be met in increasing measure by and in the school. I believe we must begin to weigh seriously the best plan for introduction of definite, supervised study, at least in the higher grades and in the lower high school years. Rightly developed this should mean a reduction of retardation losses, a lessening of discouragement and a saving in student lives. It may mean more teachers or more teachers temporarily only. It may mean a slight lengthening of school hours, but accompanied by absolute freedom from school demands when the school hours are over. It certainly means some readjustment of our teaching methods."

The "group principal" plan, whereby one principal has charge of two or more schools, has proved successful, it is indicated. "Although started under difficulties, the teachers conducting the experiment, who conferred with me when the year was over, showed interest in it, recognized its possibilities for greater efficiency and expressed a desire to keep on," says the superintendent.

Would Extend Bank System.

Speaking of the success of the school banks, Supt. Thurston presents a plan for the extension of the banking system in the grades. The main feature of the extension work is that it does not provide a bank for the individual school, but merely makes the teacher responsible up to the time that the pupil deposits a dollar to his credit in a local savings bank.

Supt. Thurston dwells at considerable length on the future of Business High School. In this connection he points out the need for a more technical course, including salesmanship and an opportunity for "continuation" work.

He says, in part: "The Business High School should become a great technical business school, training for special fields of business activity to an extent no combination high school is likely to attempt. The great field of salesmanship offers wonderful opportunities for direct instruction and for co-operation with the business community. There should be developed also extensive courses in advertising and window dressing, in stock keeping and distribution systems and in the work of executive secretaries. There should be developed a practice plan in advanced stenography and office work and in accounting, whereby students would spend part time in actual offices, just as our normal students are required to do in practice teaching. The various offices in the school system and at the municipal building might well co-operate in this work."

There should be, also, a properly organized continuation school department, in which the Business High School, when business men are ready for it—for those of their employees who may be spared part time and who need additional training of high school grade. Everywhere fields for broader service to the community suggest themselves. The city study we are now making will make evident many. Surely the friends of Business High School should not fear, but rather should rejoice.

For Salesmanship Study.

"The matter of teaching salesmanship is worth considering, aside from the Business High School. The elements of retail salesmanship might well be taught at other schools for students who enter these fields. The general principles of salesmanship might find a place as an elective in any high school. Salesmanship is far more than the capacity to sell goods over a counter. The principles involved are of value to any one who has to offer his services or to present a proposition to another. The study of salesmanship is, in no small sense, a study of human nature."

At another point he again touches upon the subject of the need for "continuation" schools. He says: "At any time the demand arises, I am ready to organize day continuation schools for young business employees

MUTT AND JEFF—Mr. Squibb, U. S. N., Is Evidently Left Handed.

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HE DEES PARDON, BUT I'M OFF HIS MAJESTY'S CRUISER "HAWK" AND HI COULDN'T ELP. HOWER 'EARING YOUR REMARKS, CAN IT BE BRAGGING ON YOUR PART OR DON'T YOU REALLY KNOW THE BRITISH NAVY IS THE LARGEST AND MOST POWERFUL IN THE WORLD

QUITE TRUE, QUITE TRUE, BUT I SAID SHIP FOR SHIP AND MAN FOR MAN

THE INDICTMENT AGAINST THOMAS charges that April 1 last he shot Henry True in the breast, inflicting a wound from which True died the same day. Attorney Thomas C. Taylor and Harry J. Gerrity appeared for the prisoner.

Joshua F. Todd, seventy, a retired farmer, near Warren, Md., died after a few days' illness of peritonitis. He was a son of the late Joshua F. and Catherine Talbott Todd.

ALLEGED MURDERER INSANE. Jury Declares Frank Thomas, Colored, of Unsound Mind.

Frank Thomas, colored, indicted for first degree murder, was declared by a jury in Criminal Division 1 today to be of unsound mind.

Children new in the schools, without doing any follow-up work, such as conducting school clinics. They ought not only to examine and recommend treatment, but they ought to have time to follow up their examination, to determine the extent to which their recommendations are acted upon by parents, and to conduct clinics for really needy cases."

"Even with the work of the medical inspectors held to its present narrow margins, I believe that we need an increase in the number of inspectors, or a substitution of full time for part time men."

He states that he is "firmly convinced that two dental inspectors are too few to accomplish efficient work for a system of this size. It would take a number of years for these men simply to inspect the

fluencing the lives of the children who are to be the men and women, the citizens of tomorrow."

Supt. Thurston's plan for strengthening the system of furnishing substitute teachers has for its main features the following points: It would employ highly trained substitutes, who would specialize in this work, who would have had experience, and who would be more adequately paid than at present. Inefficient substitutes under this plan would be dropped from the list.

One of the unique recommendations presented by Mr. Thurston is for the setting aside in the vicinity of the administrative building a grade school where educational experiments might be conducted by the superintendent in person. This building should have a strong, carefully selected faculty; should show the

best method the city has to offer and should always be open to interested teachers and visitors, it is explained.

Medical and Dental Inspectors. In speaking of the need for increased medical and dental inspection and assistance, Supt. Thurston says:

Retirement Law Needed. "The need for a proper teachers' retirement law is vital, and strong effort to secure it should be made at once," urges the superintendent at another point. "It is needed for the sake of the school and for the sake of the teachers. The teacher of long years of service for the public—very much of it at slight financial recompense—who feels the weight of years and of work pressing heavily upon her, ought to be able to step aside with recognition on the part of the public of the value of the work she has done in shaping and in-

contribute to the service of the community."

"Yet our work has been very narrowly military—limited largely to close order drill and to review and parade, although in the last year officers have had troop leadership work. It should be developed and extended, and is likely to be. The work of Maj. McCathran and especially the active help of Capt. B. Z. Steever, famous for his Wyoming plan, have put new life into the organization. I hope to see the physical training side far more fully developed; I hope to see the field camp become a regular feature; I hope to see the officers' school well established. I hope to see other phases of the work so developed that even the cadet himself will realize that he is taking a broad, constructive course of work. With such development should come the granting of full credit as a school study counting toward graduation. Probably this means a faculty military and physical instructor at each school. I am sure that with work thus developed the vast majority of our high school boys would seek to enter and would benefit by the organization."

Vacation Schools Needed. Considering work which has been done with the vacation schools, the superintendent says: "The community is ready for and strongly desires the establishment of real vacation schools. These, of course, should be supported by public funds, and the burden of meeting expenses by school pay entertainments should be lifted from the teaching force once and for all. The vacation school is less expensive per pupil until than the regular day school under the present plan. It may easily save its cost through reduction of retardation. In the end it may give the regular school system lessons on this point. Its great value lies, however, in its saving of the school lives of pupils, in its effect on retardation and in giving mental activity to many pupils who do not need or benefit by the ab-

Favors Military Training. Continuation of the work already started to broaden the scope of the activities of the High School Cadets is endorsed. The report sets forth, in part: "Military training is a science. The boy has to learn to do certain things in the most direct and efficient way without waste or loss of energy. I believe the teaching carries over into other activities of his student and after life."

"The connection of our cadet organizations with city life is intimate. The community would not know what to do without them. Officers and privates frequently serve in civil capacities in connection with conventions and public occasions. They learn how to

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